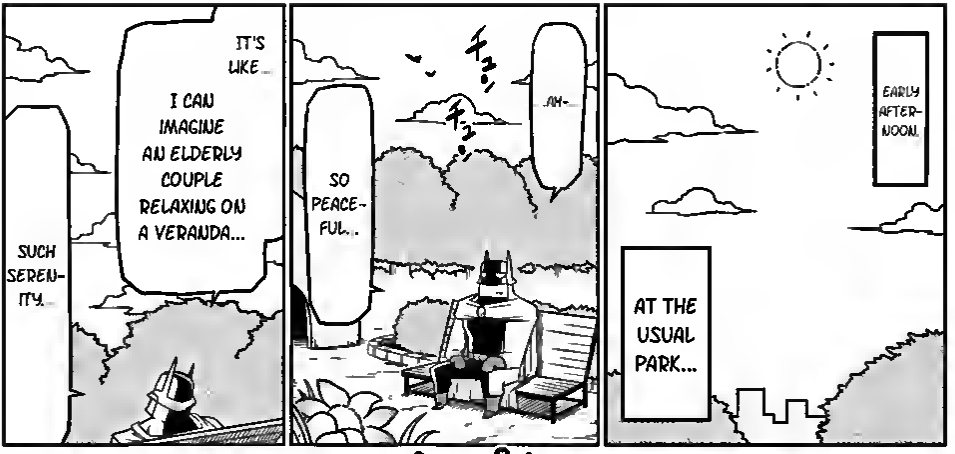
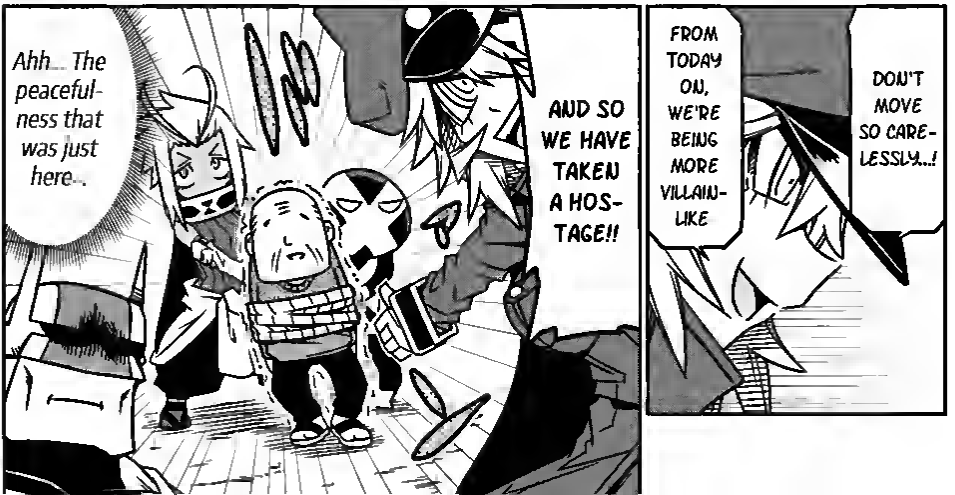
CHAPTER 16 x THE DARK SIDE OF MARRIAGE


EARLY AFTER-NOON
AT THE USUAL PARK...
AH-
SO PEACE-FUL...
IT'S LIKE...
I CAN IMAGINE AN ELDERLY COUPLE RELAXING ON A VERANDA...
SUCH SEREN-ITY...

YOU WON'T GET AWAY THIS TIME!!
LET'S BATTLE, BRAVE-MAN!!
WELL, I FIGURED THIS WAS GOING TO HAPPEN.
...Maybe I should change my patrol route next time...
HOLD!!


DON'T MOVE SO CARE-LESSLY...!
FROM TODAY ON, WE'RE BEING MORE VILLAIN-LIKE
AND SO WE HAVE TAKEN A HOS-TAGE!!
Ahh... The peaceful-ness that was just here...

You have to kiss me!
NO.
NOW, IF YOU WANT THIS GRANDPA TO BE SAFELY RELEASED...
...NO, WHY? HE'S A HOSTAGE, NOT SOMEONE I PICKED UP, YOU KNOW?
THAT OLD MAN... DOESN'T HE SEEM KINDA HAPPY?
WELL...
AWW... FINE THEN...
I DON'T CARE!!!
IT WILL BOOST MY MOTIVATION.
...THEN TELL ME, WHAT DOES KISSING HAVE TO DO WITH WORLD DOMINATION?
YOU DON'T CARE ABOUT WHAT HAPPENS TO THE HOSTAGE...?
AND I'LL RELEASE HIM!
GIVE ME A HUG,
AAAA

...YOU WILL RELEASE THE HOSTAGE AFTER I HUG YOU, RIGHT?
...
...
...
Rather, wouldn't it be better to just give in...?
It would be a problem if I rejected her and she complicates things further...
THE ONE WHO REQUESTED IT TURNED OUT TO BE THE MOST SURPRISED.
Y-yes... Of course.
EH...
AH...
Nfu-
FU-
HO-
THIS IS A NEW DEVELOPMENT.

THE OLD HOSTAGE HAS BEEN LOOKING AT YOU WITH PERVERTED EYES, SO BE CAREFUL.
GG-CHAN, ARE YOU OKAY? YOUR FACE IS RED.
FUE-!?
She really is weak in that area, isn't she..
THAT'S FINE, BUT...
Th-thash not shrue at all
...HEY,
THAT'S ENOUGH, RIGHT
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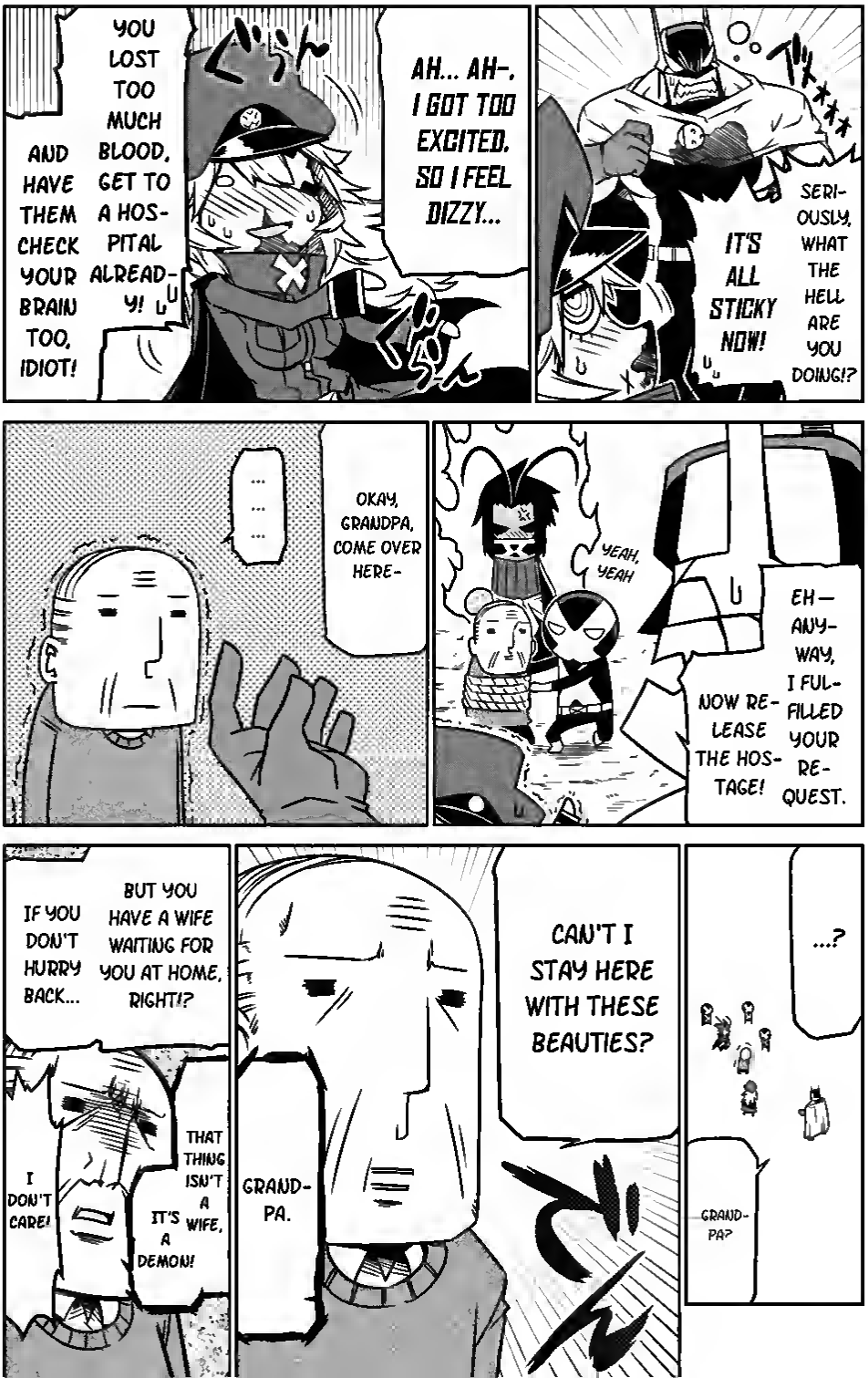
nnnnn...
...fuuu... y-you're pretty good...!
THAT'S A LOT!! OF BLOOD!!!


AH... AH-, I GOT TOO EXCITED. SO I FEEL DIZZY...
YOU LOST TOO MUCH BLOOD, GET TO A HOSPITAL ALREADY!
AND HAVE THEM CHECK YOUR BRAIN TOO, IDIOT!
SERIOUSLY, WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU DOING!?
IT'S ALL STICKY NOW!
OKAY, GRANDPA, COME OVER HERE-
...
...
...
EH— ANYWAY, I FULFILLED YOUR REQUEST.
NOW RELEASE THE HOSTAGE!
YEAH, YEAH
...?
GRANDPA?
CAN'T I STAY HERE WITH THESE BEAUTIES?
GRANDPA.
BUT YOU HAVE A WIFE WAITING FOR YOU AT HOME, RIGHT!?
IF YOU DON'T HURRY BACK...
THAT THING ISN'T A WIFE, IT'S A DEMON!
I DON'T CARE!

STOP MESSING AROUND!!!
YOU HAVE TO CONTINUE TO OBEY DEMANDS UNTIL BOTH THE HOSTAGE AND I ARE SATSIFIED!
HOLD ON, IT SEEMS LIKE THE HOSTAGE HAS BECOME OUR ALLY.
WHICH MEANS...
HEY.
HEY, GRAMPS
YOU'RE NOT ENTERING ANYTHING!
LASTLY, LET ME ENTER YOUR FAMILY REGISTER WITHIN THE DAY.
WHO'D WANT TO DEAL WITH THAT HELL!!
GRAND-MA!?
Leg Strength
GRA-
I CAME TO PICK YOU UP, SINCE YOU WERE AW-FULLY LATE...
AND WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE, GRAMPS...
AHH? WHO THE HELL ARE YOU CALLING GRAMPS!
IS THAT HOW YOU AD-DRESS AN ELDERLY CITIZEN, YOU...

NO NO. THAT... I WAS JUST...
OH HOH... SO YOU'RE SLACKING OFF TO PLAY WITH THESE YOUNG WOMEN, ARE YOU?
ANY-WAY... YOU AND I ARE GOING TO HAVE A LONG TALK WHEN WE GET HOME, GRAMPS.
...SO THE FAMILY REG-IS-TER...?
...YOU CAN STILL THINK ABOUT MARRIAGE AFTER SEEING THAT?
AND HE THOUGHT. THE RELA-TIONSHIP BETWEEN HEROES AND VILLAINS
ISN'T AS SCARY AS THE RELA-TIONSHIP BETWEEN A MARRIED COUPLE
TO BE CONTINUED

Afterword

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR READING VOLUME 1 OF
PRECARIOUS WOMAN EXECUTIVE MISS BLACK GENERAL.

...IT'S A LONG TITLE, AGAIN...
YOU'RE PROBABLY THINKING, "DIDN'T YOU HAVE A GOOD IDEA FOR A
MORE COMPACT TITLE WHEN YOU STARTED SERIALIZATION?"
NOTHING REALLY CAME TO MIND, AND IN THE END
IT WAS DECIDED TO KEEP IT THE SAME.
IT FEELS LIKE IT HAPPENED JUST THE OTHER DAY...

THANK YOU TO IN-CHARGE-OF-VOLUME-SAN AND
DESIGNER-SAN, AND APOLOGIES FOR THE MANY TROUBLES.

WHAT'S MORE, WORK ON THIS VOLUME WAS DURING THE YEAR-END RUSH,
AND COUPLED WITH MY POOR HEALTH, IT WAS A DOUBLE PUNCH TO THE GUT.
I REALLY FELT LIKE I WAS CLOSE TO DYING MANY TIMES,
AND CAUSED TROUBLE FOR A LOT OF PEOPLE AGAIN.
THIS WORN-OUT RAG OF AN AUTHOR HAD NO OTHER CHOICE BUT TO TRY NOT TO DIE.
THERE'S NOTHING ELSE TO DO BUT EARNESTLY APOLOGIZE.

I'M TRULY SORRY.

AND THANK YOU.

SEE YOU LATER, AND LET'S MEET AGAIN IN VOLUME 2.

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WILL VOLUME 2 COME OUT?
(BLANK STARE)

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FINISHED READING
PRECARIOUS WOMAN EXECUTIVE MISS BLACK GENERAL

IT'S THE FIRST TIME A MANGA OF MINE WAS PUT IN A MAGAZINE, AND IT'S THIS ONE.

THE SERIALIZED STORY HAS SOME VARIATIONS, BUT THE PREMISE IS THE SAME. BRAVEMAN'S DESIGN MIGHT BE DARKER, BUT IT'S JUST A SMALL DIFFERENCE.

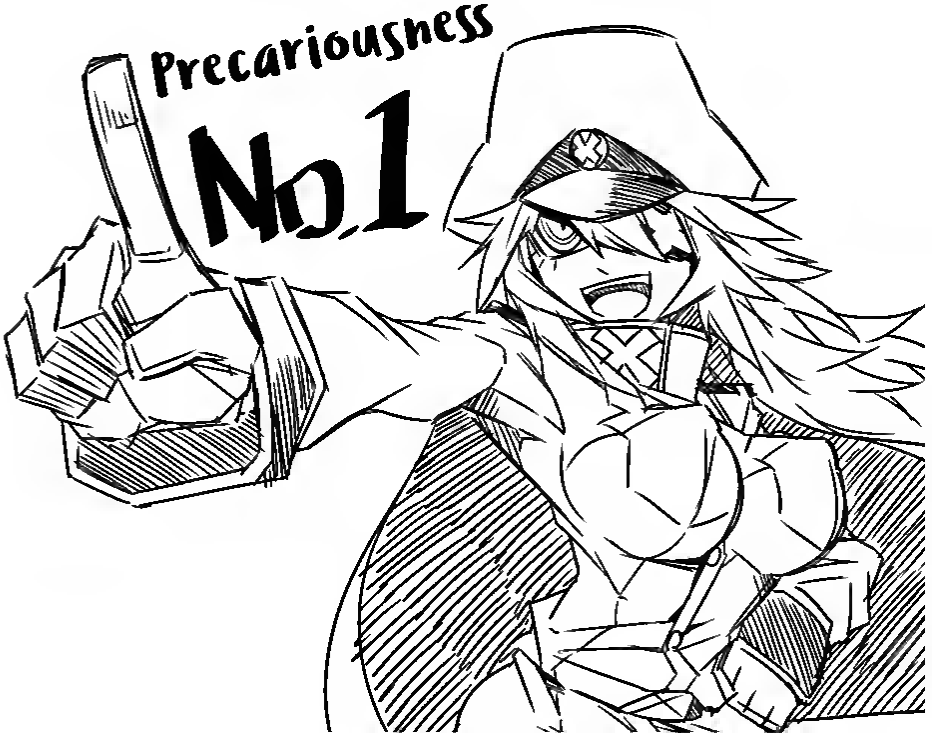
ANYWAYS, MY MANGA BEING LISTED IN THE MAGAZINE GIVES ME THIS EXTREMELY UNCOMFORTABLE FEELING, WITH SO MANY BEAUTIFUL WORKS AND MY DRAWINGS RIGHT IN THE MIDDLE. GETS ME GOING "ABABABA."

BY THE WAY, I'VE PUBLISHED A NUMBER OF ONESHOTS BESIDES THIS ONE, AND THE CHARACTERS IN THOSE SHARE SOME FEATURES, LIKE WHITE HAIR, WITH THE ONES IN ZANNEN.

BASICALLY, THE SERIALIZATION CHANGES WERE MADE IN ORDER TO MAKE GENERAL-SAN AND THE OTHERS AS PRECARIOUS AS POSSIBLE.

...I WONDER HOW ALL MY OTHER FAILURES LED TO THIS...

THE WORLD'S FUNNY.



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